

Somerville Polling Places

Ward One

Precinct 1. A room in the Capuano School, 150 Glen St.
Precinct 2. A room in the East Somerville Branch Library, 115 Broadway.
Precinct 3. A room in the Reilly-Brickley Fire Station, 266 Broadway.

Ward Two

Precinct 1. A room in the Police Department, 220 Washington St.
Precinct 2. A room in the Albert F Argenziano School at Lincoln Park, 290 Washington St.
Precinct 3. A room in the Lowell Street Fire Station, 651 Somerville Ave.

Ward Three

Precinct 1. The Atrium at Somerville High School, on Highland Ave.
Precinct 2. A room in the Cummings School, Prescott street side.
Precinct 3. A room in the Dante Club, on Craigie Street.

Ward Four

Precinct 1. A room in the Mystic Activity Center, 530 Mystic Avenue.
Precinct 2. A room in the Reilly-Brickley Fire Station, 266 Broadway.
Precinct 3. A room in the Winter Hill Community School, on Sycamore Street.

Ward Five

Precinct 1. A room in the DPW Water Department Building, 17 Franey Road.
Precinct 2. A room in the Brown School, Kidder Ave side.
Precinct 3. A room in the Engine 7 Fire Station, 265 Highland Avenue.

Ward Six

Precinct 1. A room in the John F Kennedy School, Sartwell Ave Entrance.
Precinct 2. A room in the Ciampa Manor, 27 College Ave.
Precinct 3. A room in the Holy Bible Baptist Church, on Chapel Street.

Ward Seven

Precinct 1. A room in the Senior Center, 167 Holland St.
Precinct 2. Engine 6 Teele Square Fire Station, 6 Newbury St.

City of Somerville Election Commission
93 Highland Avenue
Somerville MA 02143

Official Ballot Question Information for Somerville Voters



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Dear Somerville Voter:

The 2012 General Election Day for Massachusetts will be **Tuesday, November 6th**. Polls will be open from 7 a.m. to 8 p.m. Earlier this fall, Secretary of the Commonwealth William F. Galvin mailed an ***Information for Voters*** booklet to residential addresses throughout the Commonwealth. This publication provided official information about the three ballot questions appearing on all 2012 Massachusetts general election ballots.*

Here in Somerville, there will be four additional ballot questions – Questions 4 through 7 – that appear in no other community and were not covered by the state's mailing. This brochure is designed to provide voters with the official language for each local ballot question.

For additional information about voting procedures and polling locations, or to view specimen ballots for your polling place, please visit the City's Election Dept. webpage, www.somervillema.gov/departments/elections.

For elections information by phone, please call 311 (617-666-3311 from outside the city).

Thank you.

Somerville Election Commission
Nicholas P. Salerno, Chairman

* If you have not received a copy of this publication, you may obtain a copy by calling Secretary Galvin's Elections Division at 1-800-462-VOTE (8683). The same information is also available at the Secretary's website, www.sec.state.ma.us.

2012 BALLOT QUESTIONS SPECIFIC TO THE CITY OF SOMERVILLE

QUESTION 4

Shall the City of Somerville accept Sections 3 to 7, inclusive, of Chapter 44B of the General Laws, as approved by its legislative body, a summary of which appears below?

SUMMARY

The Community Preservation Act (hereinafter “the Act”) establishes a dedicated funding source to enable cities and towns to: (1) acquire, create and preserve open space, including land for parks, recreational uses and conservation areas; (2) acquire, preserve, rehabilitate, and restore historic resources, such as historic community buildings and artifacts; (3) acquire, create, preserve, rehabilitate and restore land for recreational use, including parks, playgrounds and athletic fields; (4) acquire, create, preserve and support community housing to help meet local families’ housing needs; and (5) rehabilitate or restore open space and community housing that is acquired or created as provided in this section.

In the City of Somerville, the funding source for these community preservation purposes will be a surcharge of 1.5% on the annual property tax assessed on real property beginning in Fiscal Year 2014, other local funds committed by the Board of Aldermen for community preservation purposes subject to the limitations in Section 3(b)1/2 of Chapter 44B, and annual distributions made by the state from a trust fund created by the Act. The Commonwealth provides these funds only to communities adopting the Act. If approved, the following will be exempt from the surcharge: (1) property owned and occupied as a domicile by any person who qualifies for low income housing or low or moderate income senior housing in Somerville as defined in Section 2 of the Act; (2) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of residential real property; and (3) \$100,000 of the value of each taxable parcel of class 3, commercial property and class 4, industrial property as defined in Section 2A of Chapter 59. A taxpayer receiving a regular property tax abatement or exemption will also receive a pro rata reduction in the surcharge.

(Question 4 continued)

Upon acceptance of the Act by the voters, a Community Preservation Committee will be established by ordinance to study community preservation needs, possibilities and resources, and to make annual recommendations to the Board of Aldermen for approval on spending the funds. At least 10% of the funds for each fiscal year will be spent or reserved for later spending on each of the Act’s three community preservation purposes: (1) open space, (2) historic resources and (3) community housing.

QUESTION 5

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress and the President to: (1) prevent cuts to Social Security, Medicare, Medicaid, and Veterans benefits, or to housing, food and unemployment assistance; (2) create and protect jobs by investing in manufacturing, schools, housing, renewable energy, transportation and other public services; (3) provide new revenues for these purposes and to reduce the long-term federal deficit by closing corporate tax loopholes, ending offshore tax havens, and raising taxes on incomes over \$250,000; and (4) redirect military spending to these domestic needs by reducing the military budget, ending the war in Afghanistan and bringing U.S. troops home safely now?

QUESTION 6

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state senator from this district be instructed to vote in favor of legislation that would allow the state to regulate and tax marijuana in the same manner as alcohol?

QUESTION 7

THIS QUESTION IS NOT BINDING

Shall the state representative from this district be instructed to vote in favor of a resolution calling upon Congress to propose an amendment to the U.S. constitution affirming that (1) corporations are not entitled to the constitutional rights of human beings, and (2) both Congress and the states may place limits on political contributions and political spending?

(End of Ballot Question Information)

Additional Election Information

A Note on Absentee Voting

To vote absentee, you must be unable to vote on Election Day due to (1) absence from City during the hours the Polls are open; (2) physical disability preventing you from going to the polling place; or (3) religious belief. Absentee ballot applications are available upon request from the Election Commission office, or they can be downloaded from the Forms Library at the Election Dept. webpage: www.somervillema.gov/departments/elections. Written communiqué with original signature and relevant information requesting absentee ballot may also serve as an application.

Penalty for Illegal Registration: Fine of not more than \$10,000 or imprisonment for not more than five years, or both. (Massachusetts General Laws, chapter 56 section 8.)